

~~62-11~~ # W0-158

Date:

Building Name: 9 So. Main Street  
Public/Private Access

Description:

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Building

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

9 So. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Berlin

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Worcester

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John L. Donaway

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 260

CITY, TOWN

Berlin

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
MD 21811

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Courthouse

Liber #: 544

Folio #: 244

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Snow Hill

STATE

MD

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

No. 9 South Main contributes significantly to the character of the Berlin Commercial District. Architecturally, the building is a fine example of the two story component brick commercial design that is the major of the district. Through it scale, materials and decoration the building is an important visually pleasing element in the streetscape. Minor changes to the ground floor fenestration have not had a significant effect on the buildings appearance.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than oneVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION  
Site 158 on survey map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Kenneth T. Pribanic, Consultant

August 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Mayor and Council

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10 Williams Street

TELEPHONE

301-641-2770

CITY OR TOWN

Berlin

STATE

MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

- 9-1-76 FWH 544/244 conveyed to John L. & Josephine V. Donaway  
from Decatur Investments
- 4-1-69 FWH 249/155 conveyed to Decatur Investments from John L.,  
Jr. & Elizabeth D. Sanford
- 4-3-64 FWH 177/471/478 conveyed to Elizabeth D. Sanford by item  
1 of a deed from Gertrude Doris R. Davis
- 3-21-44 JEB 20/452/453 conveyed to John Edwin Davis from Ethel  
Ayres Esham & G. Lester Esham
- 4-11-36 BB 30/24 conveyed to John D. Ayres from James H. & Elizabeth  
Ayres
- 6-19-02 FHP 17/84 conveyed to John D. Ayres & James H. Ayres from  
John J. & Aralanta Ayres

part of same land that John J. inherited from his father  
James A. Ayres & a small piece conveyed to John J. Ayres  
from Calvin B. Taylor



BERLIN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

WO # 158

Building \_\_\_\_\_

Address 9 So. Main St. \_\_\_\_\_

WO-158  
Ayres Building  
9 S. Main Street (MD 818), Berlin  
Worcester County Tax Map 300, P. 1474





WO-158  
Ayres Building  
9 S. Main St.  
Berlin  
Berlin Quad.  
Worcester County

